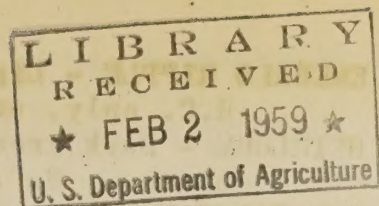


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I think I have the nicest list of varieties and the nicest cuttings and plants I've ever had.

Leaves 35¢; Rooted Cuttings 50¢; Small Plants 60¢, unless otherwise marked.

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GOOD OLDER VARIETIES

Leaves 25¢ Small Plants 50¢

- AMERICA - Large single blue; crisp heart-shaped leaves.
BERNICE - Large light blue dbl. blooms; plain foliage.
BLACK MAGIC - Dark red-backed foliage; large dark blue dbl. blooms.
BLUE CLUSTER - Dbl. blue frilled blooms; dark, smooth foliage.
BECKY SHARPE - Large single pink blooms; girl foliage.
BLUE HEIRESS - Soft blue single; heavy girl foliage.
BRIDAL WREATH - Single blue blooms with good white edge.
CALICO - Single pink blooms, splashed and dotted with purple.
CAVALIER - Large, dusty blue dbl; dark satiny foliage.
CHEROKEE - Rich, dark, velvety red single; dark green foliage.
CAMELLIA - Light, camellia-like dbl. pink blooms, dark girl foliage.
DBL. MARGARET - Dark dbl. blue blooms (a parent of many new green edged varieties.)
DBL. ROSE - White with red markings; plain foliage.
EMBER PINK - Deep pink single, with fusings of red.
FAIRY CUSHION - Blooms like Dbl. Painted Girl; plain foliage.
FIESTA FLARE - One of the best dbl. reds with girl foliage.
FIRE BALL - Another good dbl. red on girl foliage.
FLUFFY LADY - Blue and white dbl., girl foliage.
GREEN PEARL - Blue and white dbl. tipped with chartreuse; girl foliage.
HI LOA LIGHT BLUE - Ruffled and wavy flower; wavy foliage.
HIGH LOA PURPLE - Very dark foliage; deep purple blooms.
HONEY BUD - Medium pink dbl., girl foliage.
MAMSELLE - Good pink dbl., girl foliage.
MR. CHICAGO - Light blue single with twirk over white eye.
NAVY BOUQUET - Dark navy blue dbl. blooms, crinkled foliage.
PEARL THOMAS - Large blue single; girl foliage.
RAINBOW'S END - Dbl. red blooms with white traced edge.
RUFFLED DAYDREAM - Frilled dbl. lavender; dark waxy foliage.
SHEER DELIGHT - Dbl. wine blooms; dark waxy foliage.
SPARKLING BURGUNDY - Reddish blue dbl. with white edge.
SPLASH - Splashes of dark blue on reddish pink; very dark foliage.
TANGIER - Dark blue dbl. blooms; large heart-shaped leaves.
VELVET EMPRESS - Deep bicolored wine dbl., dark girl foliage.
VELVET GIRL - Large, single, bicolored red-orchid, pansy-like flowers; girl foliage.
WHITE PUFF - Fluffy white dbl., dark green girl foliage.
WIND SONG - Large pale blue bloom; girl foliage. Good.

II

NEWER SINGLE VARIETIES

- AFRICAN GUARDSMAN - Large fringed purple blooms; heavy foliage.
ANGEL LACE - Large white bloom, lilac blue fringe; semi-supreme foliage.
ANN RUTLEDGE - Medium blue center, wide white margin, orchid veining through the white; very dark girl foliage.
BITTERSWEET - Deep, ruffled, cerise pink; dark, wavy foliage.
BLUE FLAG - Single blue, or light blue, star, with a little wave or dip in petals.
BLUE DUET - Single blue with nice white edge, glossy green foliage.
BLUE GOLD LACE - Dark blue single, chartreuse edge; light green holly type foliage. Leaves 50¢; R.C. 75¢. No plants.
BLUE J - Striking, large, bright light blue, frilled single; frilled foliage. Limited.
BOYCE EDENS - Two-toned orchid; good.
CAN CAN GIRL - Light blue single, darker eye; puckered girl foliage, red reverse.
CARAVAN AUTUMN BLAZE - Dark green, red-backed foliage ruching 1/4 in; dark blue blooms. R.C. only, until May. 75¢.

CARAVAN EMERALD RIPPLE - Light green rippled foliage; white with blue blooms. R.C. only, until May. 75¢.

CARAVAN HEIRLOOM - Dark green shiny foliage, deep red ruching; dark purple blooms. R.C. only until May. 75¢.

CARAVAN NEW HORIZON - Dark green foliage with lobes of ruching showing red under markings; purple blooms. R.C. only until May. 75¢.

CARAVAN PAGEANT - Light green foliage, heavy ruching; flowers blue and white variegated. R.C. only, until May. 75¢.

CARAVAN PHANTOM - Dark, plain heart-shaped foliage; purple blooms. Average 25 per stem. Rooted leaves only, until May. 75¢.

CARAVAN QUEEN - Purple blooms, dark green, flexible foliage; ruching 1 in. deep. R.C. only, until May. 75¢.

After May 1st - leaves 50¢; sm. plants \$1.00 on CARAVANS.

CLACKAMUS RATTLER - Long, narrow, dark green leaves; blue bloom; a most unusual plant.

COLLEGE GIRL - Single lavender-violet, bi-colored blooms; girl foliage.

CONSTANT BEAUTY - Huge lettuce leaf foliage, curled and ruffled; blue, silvery edged blooms. Leaves 50¢. R.C. 75¢. Small plants May 1, \$1.00.

CHIPPEWA - Fringed bright pink with deeper eye; wavy dark foliage.

DIXIE MOONBEAM - White with beautiful suffusing of light blue.

DRESDEN DREAM - Heavily fringed, chartreuse edged pink; dark, wavy foliage.

EBB TIDE - Blue center, broad white ruffled margin with blue veining.

EDGE OF NIGHT - Large, purple, fringed single; supreme foliage.

FAERIE FRILLS - Large frilled white bloom, lavender rim.

FAIRY WINGS - Bright pink flowers, cascading on long stems; bronzy red-backed girl foliage.

FIRE DANCE - Large, clear red single; dark plain foliage. Outstanding.

FLORABUNDA - Two-toned orchid flowers; plain foliage. Profuse bloomer.

FRIAR TUCK - Large fringed blue flecked with white blooms. Holly foliage.

FRIVOLOUS PINK - Frilled pink bloom; wavy foliage.

FROSTED BLUE LACE - Frilled dark blue, white clouded, blooms. Dupont foliage.

GAY SPRAY - Often has as many as four colors in one bloom - blue, white, lavender and pink; always has a pink eye.

GENEVA NUEVO - Large deep blue with white edge; heavy foliage.

GIANT PURPLE MONARCH - Huge deep purple flower; supreme foliage.

GRACEFUL - Lavender pink blooms; beautiful dark holly foliage.

GREAT LAKES - Large medium blue blooms; dark heavy foliage.

HEIDI - Large, very fringed, lavender bloom, girl foliage.

HOLLY DELIGHT - White flowers with blue edge; light green holly foliage.

HOLLY SURPRISE - Vivid dark blue and white blooms; dark green, wavy red-backed foliage.

LADY ELAINE - Lavender bi-colored blooms; girl foliage.

LAVENDER GOLD LACE - Some are dark, others light lavender, chartreuse edged; light green holly type leaf. L. 50¢; R.C. 75¢; small pl. \$1.00

LOVELY - Pink overlay on white background, star flower.

L. TULANA BELLE - Clear silvery blue blooms, as big as a dollar; huge, deep green red-backed, curly edged leaves. L. 50¢; R.C. 75¢; Sm. Pl. \$1.00.

L. TULANA CHARM - Huge, ruffled leaves, dusted with white cobwebs. 2 1/4" deep blue fringed blooms in profusion. Limited. L. 50¢; R.C. 75¢; Sm. Pl. \$1.00

MARK ROBERT - Huge white fused with blue, star flower. Medium sized plant.

MOJAVE - Huge purple bloom, with wide white edge; frilled foliage. Terrific bloomer.

NANCY HANKS - Light blue fringed bloom; semi-supreme foliage.

NORTHERN BREEZE - Fringed white and blue bloom, deeply serrated, light green leaf.

PINK CARESS - Deep pink, fringed bloom; dark bronze, wavy foliage.

PINK GLACIER - Vibrant pink, frilled bloom; deep green foliage.

PEPPERMINT PINK - Large pink single, with darker candy stripes; plain foliage.

PINK AND GOLD - (Sophie Baker) Huge clear pink blooms 2 in. or over, with over sized gold (not yellow) pollen sack. Plant has the ability to produce 10 to 20 blooms on each of two bloom stems under each petiole and one stem between petioles; all open together. Rooted leaves only, this spring, at \$1.00 each.

PINK MIRACLE - Large pink bloom with deeper pink, slightly ruffled edge.

PINK SEQUIN - Reddish pink toned bloom; semi-dwarf grower.

PINK SPRAY - Always comes with a white center; single.

PRIMITIF - Glowing fuchsia pink, star bloom; dark foliage.

QUELQUE FLEURS - Single, large, rosy violet, pansy blooms; rippling, bright green, red-backed foliage.

RED GOLD LACE - Red bloom, chartreuse edged, medium green, slightly red backed, holly type foliage. Leaves 50¢; R.C. 75¢; a few plants \$1.00 ea.

ROSE SPARKLE - Large white single, blended rose border; sparkle dusted. Round, heavy foliage.

ROSE WING - Large white fringed bloom, shaded with orchid; supreme foliage.

RUFFLED BI - Large white fringed bloom shaded with purple; supreme foliage.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Large frilled purple; dark foliage.

SHINING PRINCE - Fringed white bloom; wavy foliage. A big improvement over Fringed Snow Prince.

SKY BLUE PINK - Spooned girl leaf; cupped pink bloom, fused with blue, sometimes all pink.

SPOTLIGHT - Light pink with cerise center; plain foliage.

STAR DELIGHT - White and purple, star blooms; plain foliage.

STAR BLUE - Petunia flowered blue; plain foliage.

STAR OF THE NORTH - White star with just a touch of blue in center; medium green foliage.

STAR PERFECTION - Large pink star bloom; plain foliage.

STAR PASTEL - Light pinkish orchid star; small growing plant.

STAR PETITE - Intense purple star; small growing plant.

STAR PINK - (New) - Large deep pink star bloom; black green foliage.

STAR SAPPHIRE IMP. - Medium blue star bloom; plain foliage.

STAR TRIUMPH - Red star shaped blooms; plain foliage.

SHOW STAR - Pink bloom with perfect blue star in center. Does not always propegate true.

STEPHANIE - Creamy pink version of Pink Caress.

SUNBONNET SUE - Large deep orchid and wine, white edged bloom; girl foliage.

THUNDERHEAD - Largest single white; dark green, heavy foliage.

TIDEWATER QUEEN - White frilled bloom, blue edged; girl foliage.

TILLY - Very large, lavender, star bloom; dark plain foliage.

TORCHY - Vivid red-pink on dark pointed foliage.

TREASURE ISLAND - So popular with its wide rose edge and star of pure white; plain foliage.

TRANSYLVANIA GYPSY - Cup shaped, frilled flower, white with blue edge; girl foliage.

TRANSYLVANIA MERMAID - Dark purple frilled bloom; dark green, ruffled, girl foliage.

TWINKLE TOES - White sweet-pea type bloom, fringed reddish lavender border; girl foliage.

VALLIN PINK PETTICOATS - Fringed pink with slightly green edge. Wavy foliage.

VALOR - Dark royal purple bloom; plain foliage.

WHITE GODDESS - White, cupped, fringed bloom; dark green girl foliage.

WHITE ORCHID - Heavily fringed white bloom; wavy foliage.

WHITE SAILS - Large white blooms up to 2 in. across, have a tendency to cup; light green foliage. Prolific bloomer. Rooted leaves only, until May.

WHITE GOLD LACE - Frilled white chartreuse edge; light green holly foliage. Leaves 50¢; R.C. 75¢; Small plants \$1.00.

III NEWER DOUBLE VARIETIES

AIR WAVES - Double white frilled bloom; fluted foliage.

ANGEL FLUFF - Huge white dbl. with lilac tuft in center.

AZTEC - Orchid with purple bloom; almost black, plain foliage.

BEA JOHNSON - Red lavender blooms; dark glossy foliage.

BLACK CHERRY - (Mrs. Anderson's) - Large dark wine bloom; dark foliage.

BLUE CLASSIC - Pale blue with deeper edges; plain foliage.

BLUE NOCTURNE - Large, wavy, light blue; fluted foliage.

BLUE POM - Huge light blue; supreme foliage.

BOLD DESIGN - Medium blue, ruffled, semi dbl. blooms. Lovely.

CARA MIA - Large blue and white bloom; dark green foliage.

CALIPH - Deep velvety red flowers; dark green, plain foliage.

CITATION - Large dbl. orchid, splashed with purple and pink. Rooted leaves only, until May, 75¢.

CLOUD FRINGE - Frilly, fringed, light blue edging around darker blue bloom; dark, wavy foliage.

CALUMET BEACON - Large blue and white bloom; dark green foliage.

CORRINE - White bloom with much chartreuse when young; nice foliage and a free bloomer.

DBL. BLUE HEIRESS (V.T.H.) - Blue fringed flower; heavy girl foliage.

DBL. BLUE TRAILER - Blue blooms; grotesque foliage. Do not remove suckers from these.

DBL. EDITH CAVELLE - Ruffled, dbl. version of standard Edith Cavelle.

DBL. HOLLY (V.T.H.) - Frilled light blue; fluted foliage.

DBL. JUNE BRIDE - Frilled white with green ruffles; girl foliage. Prolific bloomer; Leaves 50¢; R.C. 75¢; a few small plants \$1.00 each.

DBL. ORCHID PRINCE - Very fine red; plain foliage.

DBL. PAINTED GIRL - Dbl. version of the old favorite.

DBL. PANSY (FRATHEL) - Lovely powder blue blooms with wide, white edge; just like Pansy.

DBL. RED CURLETTE - Narrow, pointed, waved and downward curved foliage; red blossom.

DBL. WHITE DUPONT - Large white bloom on dupont foliage.

DUKE - Large, bright, sky blue flower; prolific bloomer.
 EMERALD QUEEN - White and blue bloom, often backed with chartreuse; glossy girl foliage. R.C. 65¢; small plants 75¢.
 FALSTAFF - One of the best dbl. reds.
 FRILLY FLUFF - Lovely, white fused with orchid; light green foliage.
 FRINGED PETTICOATS - Fringed white with blue bloom; frilly foliage.
 FRINGED POM POM - Large chartreuse fringed white, with rose edge; medium green fluted foliage.
 GOLDEN HARVEST - Large lilac dbl., with white edge; dark green foliage.
 GRACE POPE - Waved plum colored bloom; dark green foliage.
 GRENADE - Large two-toned orchid.
 IRIS - Light blue, crested bloom; lovely dark foliage.
 JOSEBEL READ - Medium dark blue bloom; girl foliage.
 KIMBERLY - Large blue and white bloom; large, dark, wavy foliage.
 KING RICHARD - Huge dbl. bi-colored red.
 LONGFOLIA DOUBLE BLUE - Large blue flower; long narrow foliage.
 LONGFOLIA DOUBLE LIGHT BLUE - Same foliage; nearly white flower. Profuse bloomer.
 LONGFOLIA DOUBLE RED - Deep wine flowers; same foliage.
 LORNA DOONE - Deep wine, bi-color, fringed bloom; wavy foliage.
 MARY THOMPSON - Large wavy lavender bloom; wavy foliage.
 MINA JANE - Large bloom, close to a true rose in color; plain foliage.
 MONA LISA - Large dbl. orchid; quilted, heavy foliage.
 MATCHMATE - Light blue Geneva bloom; dark, waved and quilted, red-backed foliage.
 METEORE - Large, frilled red-lavender bloom; wavy foliage.
 MULTIFLORA BLUE
 MULTIFLORA ICE BLUE } - Large frilled blossoms; wavy foliage.
 MULTIFLORA SKY BLUE }
 MULTIFLORA MAUVE }
 NAVY BOUQUET AM. - Large dark blue; heavy bloomer.
 NEW ALMA WRIGHT - Clusters of pure white blooms; many with attractive pollen centers.
 NORTHERN AUTUMN - Med. dark blue bloom; variegated foliage.
 NORTHERN PINE - Light blue semi-dbl., deep green pointed leaf; wavy edged.
 ORDALIA - Two toned purple bloom; tailored foliage.
 PASSION - Large frilled, dbl. lavender supreme.
 POWDER PUFF - Deep blue, white edged bloom, dark green foliage.
 PURPLE RAJAH - Large dbl. purple; dark green foliage.
 QUEEN HI - Very dark, large purple bloom; dark girl foliage.
 QUEEN MADONNA - Huge, deep green, girl leaf; large white bloom. (White Madonna Supreme.)
 REDDERNESS - Reddest red violet yet; medium sized blooms; quilted dark foliage.
 ROSALINDE - Semi-double, deep wine, bi-color; supreme foliage.
 ROYAL BOUQUET - Fringed purple bloom; wavy foliage.
 ROYAL EMPEROR - Bi-colored orchid blooms, tipped deep purple.
 SEA SPRITE - White bloom, edged in orchid; attractive, wavy foliage.
 SEPTEMBER SONG - Frilled dusty blue; bronze holly type foliage.
 SHASTA - Pure white bloom; semi-girl foliage that grows flat.
 SPIC - Very free blooming, medium blue star bloom; plain foliage.
 STUDENT PRINCE - Large, deep blue, semi-dbl. to dbl. bloom; standard foliage.
 SWANKY - Same pink and blue dbl. flowers as Swank, but much improved in vigor and foliage habits.
 THORNY LOVE - Perky, frilled, pinkish, cream-white; plain leaf. (From several years work for the impossible yellow. V.T.H.)
 VIRGINIAN - Reddish blue, single to semi-dbl.; large growing, pliable, dupont foliage.
 WHITE PRIDE SUP. - Large white blooms; supreme foliage.
 WILL HAYS - Red-orchid blooms.
 WINTERGREEN - Blue and white blooms; variegated foliage.
 WINTRY NIGHT - Variegated foliage; dark blue blooms.

IV
 T . V . s (T E X A S V A L L I N S)

CUT VELVET - Red dbl. and semi-dbl. blooms, ruffled green edge; dark, wavy, red-backed foliage.
 JEALOUSY - Fringed, dbl., red-purple flowers; dark, waxy, fluted foliage.
 PATIO DANCE - Dark blue crested blooms; dark, wavy foliage.
 PINK MARGARET - Large pink single, deeper center; plain foliage. Prolific bloomer.
 PINK RAGE - Deeper eye, two top petals frilled; single; plain foliage.
 ROSE FRILLS - Black-green, rippled, red-backed leaves; frilled rose blooms.
 ROSE PROM - Frilled powder rose blooms, bronzy green, fluted, rose-backed foliage.
 ROSY SNOWSTORM - Light green wavy leaves; dbl. rose-tinted white blooms. Heavy bloomer.
 STAG LINE - Blackish green, rippled leaves; semi-dbl. dark blue blooms.

SMOOTHIE - Big, smooth single pink; heavy bloomer.
 SUMMER CLOUD - Rippled, apple green leaves; semi-dbl.; frilled, light blue blooms.
 SUMMER DREAM - Fluted forest green leaves; frilled lavender single and dbl. blooms.
 SWIRLING PETTICOATS - Wavy dark green foliage; single, fringed purple, white edged blooms.
 VALLIN PINK - Deep pink single, chartreuse edge; wavy foliage.
 WHISPERS - Large, dbl. frilled white and blue blooms; fluted light green foliage.

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D O U B L E P I N K S

BUD'S PINK FAIRYLAND - Lovely dbl. pink; dark girl foliage.
 BUD'S PINK WATZ - Deep pink blooms; dark, quilted foliage.
 CLOUD - Medium sized pink; round, plain foliage. Still one of the best.
 DBL. APPLE BLOSSOM - Blush and pink blooms; dark, red-backed foliage.
 DBL. GREEN BEADS - Lovely fringed pink, with chartreuse fringed edge that looks like tiny green beads; medium green, wavy foliage. Rooted leaves only until May. 75¢ ea.
 DBL. UNCLE BOB - Large, bright pink on standard foliage.
 DBL. PINK DARKIE - Deep pink, very frilled bloom; dark, slick, glossy foliage. Extra nice. R.C. only until May. 75¢ ea.
 DBL. PINK FIRE - Large, deep, very fringed bloom; dark, very wavy, deep red-backed foliage. Perhaps the best in its class. R.C. only until May. 75¢ ea.
 DIXIE FAIRY - Large, deep pink blooms; plain foliage. Both leaf and bloom stems are dark red.
 ENCHANTRESS - Medium pink blooms; plain foliage.
 FASCINATION - Clusters of large deep fringed and frilled blooms on large, red-backed, waved, semi-girl foliage.
 FAIRIE - Large, very deep pink flowered; dark leafed, upright growing supreme.
 FLAMINGO - Bronze, standard foliage; deep pink blooms.
 FONTANA - Clusters of fringed blooms on heavy, waved, red-backed foliage. R.C. only until May. 75¢ ea. Limited
 GRAND CHAMPION - Large, deep pink bloom; round plain foliage.
 HOLIDAY SPORT - Deep lilac pink flowered; very dark, red-backed foliage.
 HONEY - Dbl. pink and white combination. Desirable.
 INVADER - Large, semi-dbl., slightly ruffled star blooms, up to 2 in. across; dark foliage.
 IRRESISTIBLE GIRL - Rather deep pink blooms; girl foliage. Small growing plant.
 LAGOON - Plain foliage; medium pink bloom.
 MAD HAT - Deep pink blooms; girl foliage. Good.
 MARCELLA - Huge, light pink; good girl foliage. Lovely.
 MARSHMALLOW SUNDAE - Deep pink dbl. with white edge; tailored foliage. A must L. 50¢; R.C. 75¢; no plants.
 MASTERPIECE - Dark, red-backed leaves; medium pink blooms.
 MERMAID - Large, pink blooms, dark red-backed girl foliage.
 MULTIFLORA PINK - Lavender pink blooms; dark, wavy foliage.
 MY SIN - Bright reddish pink, very large flowers; deep green foliage.
 NORTHERN DAWN - Large, ruffled, deep pink; plain foliage. Heavy bloomer.
 NORTHERN PEONY - Large, ruffled pink blooms; girl foliage.
 OHIO BOUNTIFUL - Plain leaves; large, medium pink blooms - lots of them.
 PEACH BLOSSOM (Reichert) - Peach pink blooms; dark, plain foliage.
 PINK PETTICOATS - Clear, bright pink; girl foliage.
 PINK SNOWBALL - Beautiful, round, dainty white dbl. with shaded pink center; plain foliage.
 PLATINUM PINK - Sprays of vivid pink; heart shaped, red-backed foliage.
 POT O' GOLD - Bright pink; rather small, plain leaves; always in bloom.
 RASPBERRY PINK - Clear, bright pink, shading to red deep in center; dark fol.
 ROSEMINE - Frilled medium pink; plain foliage. Terrific bloomer.
 RUTHIE - Wavy edged, bright pink; dark, wavy foliage.
 SPAN - Medium pink blooms; dark, quilted foliage. Very free blooming.
 STRIKE ME PINK - Large, dark pink bloom; bronze girl foliage.
 SO SWEET - Light pink dbl; round serrated leaf. Well named.
 DBL. LOVELY LADY - Medium pink bloom; dark, red-backed foliage.
 LONGFOLIA DBL. PINK - Large, deep pink; very dark, red-backed, narrow foliage.

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ORDERING

I will replace leaves and plants that do not reach you in good condition, if notified immediately. I cannot be responsible for what happens after you receive them, however, as I have no control over their growing conditions there. If you lose some through propagation, I will be glad to replace them free with future orders.

Leaf orders received before February 28th will be rooted at no extra cost and shipped in April or May, as the weather permits and in the order received.

Rooted leaves will have small plants attached whenever possible. If I run short of some varieties I may have to send just a well rooted leaf or substitute another variety of the same or higher price. I will not substitute unless absolutely necessary, but do list a few extras so that I won't duplicate something you already have. These also help me in selecting gift leaves or plants, which I include with all orders.

Since the cost of shipping has increased, I must ask you to include 65¢ with all orders west of the Mississippi and 85¢ with all orders east of the Mississippi, to help on packing and postage costs.

I will start shipping about April 15th, or whenever the weather permits. I send all orders "Special Handling" unless you request otherwise. Air Mail and Special Delivery are extra on all orders.

My plants are State inspected and declared free of diseases and insects. Come and see them when you are in Sheridan. Please call first, My phone number is: ORchard 4-7317.

I also sell blooming plants here in my home.

Mrs. James W. Fowler
651 Chestnut
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